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RELIEF FUND REPORTS

GIFT AND GRANTS

NEW YORK -- For the second year running, the students of St. John's Preparatory School in Agana, Guam, have contributed more than \$900 to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

The headmaster, the Rev. J. T. Moore, asked that the \$947.51 raised in the school's Thanksgiving offering be used for Cambodian relief programs. The school, serving 400 native and expatriate students, is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools, with which it also has a record of high-calibre production.

Such offerings -- from individuals and organizations throughout the Church -- are a major source of money for the work of the Fund, and the income symbolized by the St. John's offering is balanced by a constant need to respond to emergencies throughout the world. In just one week in January, the Fund's director, the Rev. Samir J. Habiby, authorized \$19,000 to meet a variety of needs.

The largest grant made that week was to the Church in the Philippines to aid flood victims in northern Mindanao. A check for \$10,000 was sent to Prime Bishop Constancio Mañuramas on the day his plea was received in New York.

Flooding was also cause for a second emergency grant that week -- to Tonga in the Diocese of Polynesia -- to raise the floor of a church after storms left that flat island awash. The Fund sent \$2,500 to help the project which is not eligible for flood insurance, Bishop J. L. Bryce reported, because the island has no rivers.

Enforced conscription in Namibia drove many young people across the borders into Angola in a new refugee wave. The Fund contributed \$5,000 to a Church World Service appeal that will supply tents, blankets and food to the refugees.

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The continuing problems in Liberia forced a Cuttington College faculty member on study leave in the States to turn to the Fund for aid to meet expenses. The Fund contributed \$1,500 but expects the amount will be reimbursed by the Liberian college.

Monies contributed last year for the earthquake victims in Italy have been put to good use, according to a letter from the Rev. E. L. Lee, rector of St. James Church in Florence. Lee reported that the \$20,000 grant from the Fund was used to provide housing through a British-American relief group and to aid general relief programs of Church World Service. The congregation of St. James has also contributed more than \$3,500 directly to the housing effort.

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